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Editor Dameron took his ball team, "the Keytesville Signals," to Brunswick Monday afternoon for what was supposed to be a match game with the Brunswick nine. On reaching Brunswick, however, it was learned they did not have enough players, so they borrowed some two or three from Keytesville. Of course this made a match game out of the question, but an interesting practice game was had, the score standing 18 to 11 in favor of Keytesville. The battery work for Brunswick was done by P. R. Dodge and Jos. Ritzenthaler, typos on the COURIER, while Oscar Smith and Louis Hansman did the same act for Keytesville. Our boys report a good time, and are highly complimentary in speaking of Br'er Dameron as a manager.

No adulterated lead or oil should be used. Holcomb never handles it.

ANOTHER SHOOTING.

At Glasgow Monday, while fooling with a "didn't-know-'twas-loaded" target gun Miss Odelle Steinmetz, a 13-year-old girl, accidentally shot Howard Digges, a boy about the same age, in the back of the head. Immediately after the shooting, paralysis set in and for some time the unfortunate boy was unable to move or speak. An eminent St. Louis physician was telegraphed for who immediately came to Glasgow and extracted the ball from the boy's head, and it is thought he is now in a fair way to recover. The victim of this accidental shooting is a son of T. G. Digges, who for a number of years was engaged in the drug business, at Brunswick, and who but about a year ago moved with his family to Glasgow.

If you wish to be in style buy your millinery of Mrs. C. P. VANDIVER.

Judge McNinch, who presides with dignity over the police court, at Moberly, arraigned nine chicken thieves in his court Tuesday morning. They were all boys ranging from ten to eighteen years of age, eight negroes and one white. The evidence showed that they had plied their vocation for several months, and had well-matured plans of operation. A negro boarding-house keeper, in that city, by the name of Bill Miles, paid the boys 15 cents for all the chickens procured in this way. Miles and his wife will both be arrested and perhaps sent to the penitentiary. What was done with the boys was not learned.

If it's "good, old country ham" you want, try Agee Bros.

TEACHERS EMPLOYED.

The Keytesville public school board met Monday morning and employed the following teachers for the ensuing year:

O. L. Dines, of Brunswick, principal, with Misses Cora Smutz, of Brunswick, Kate Richardson, of Salisbury, Annie Ingram, of Hale, Carrie Willett, of Keytesville, and Lynne Sullinger, of Mexico, as assistants.

Three of them, Misses Smutz, Willett and Sullinger, taught in our school last year and gave entire satisfaction.

Holcomb handles garden tools and garden seeds.

For some time L. P. Rucker, a Brunswick groceryman, has been missing bacon and other articles from his store. Thursday morning of last week Ira Smutz, his clerk, went to the store at an early hour and detected Arthur Outlaw, a worthless young negro, sneaking into the building. A tussle ensued between young Smutz and the negro, but the thief finally escaped, leaving his hat and coat in Smutz's possession and has not been seen in Brunswick since.

Messrs. Millard Courtney and C. B. Crawley are spending this week in Eldorado Springs and Sedalia, where in the latter place they are looking after matters connected with the estate of the late Judge Field, in which Mr. Courtney's nieces, Misses Mattie and Lucy Courtney, are interested to the extent of about \$8,000 or \$10,000 each.

P. W. Blakely, a farmer of near Mendon, went into town to church on Sunday night of last week, and when he got ready to start back home his team of ponies and buggy were gone from the hitchrack. He supposed that he would find them on returning home, but they were not there, and he concluded they had been stolen. He went to the Citizen office, at Mendon, and had cards printed the next morning, describing the stolen property and offering \$50 for its return and the capture of the thief. A few hours later Mr. Blakely received word that his ponies and buggy had been found by Henry Newcomer down on Salt Creek, near the residence of Wm. Martin, where the ponies were hemmed in so that they could get no further. No damage was done either to the ponies or buggy. The hitch reins were tied up, and it is supposed that some one had either driven the team and buggy to a point near where they were found, or that Mr. Blakely forgot to hitch the ponies when he got to town, as he was so eager to get into church to hear the sermon.

If it is the best goods for the lowest prices you are looking for, then Holcomb is your man.

Deaths.

BELLAIRES.—Wm. Bellairs died at the home of his son-in-law, Isaac Hoddle, near Westville, on Wednesday, May 11th, aged 90 years.

LESTER.—Mrs. J. M. Lester died at her home, in Grand river bottom, near Triplett, on Thursday of last week. We did not learn the nature of the illness from which she died. Interment took place at McCullough graveyard, southwest of Triplett, last Friday.

FRANCE.—Mrs. J. B. France, wife of Section Foreman France, died at her home, in Brunswick, on Thursday night of last week after a protracted, painful illness of cancer. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Squires at the family residence last Saturday afternoon, after which the remains of the deceased were laid to rest in Elliott Grove cemetery.

This is the season for tornadoes and cyclones. See Holcomb and have insurance written on your property.

Marshal Veatch "arrested" a mule and a horse last Friday, that were running at large contrary to the stock law. The mule belonged to Dr. L. R. Perkins, and the horse to W. G. Agee. Each of the owners paid Mr. Veatch 50 cts. and recovered their property. On Tuesday morning two horses were "arrested" and impounded by Mr. Veatch, one the property of Clark Ward and the other of Squire Wheeler. The former paid 50 cts. and the latter 25 cts. to recover their horses. Mr. Veatch estimated that Squire Wheeler had walked at least a quarter's worth looking for his equine. These are the first arrests that were made here since Mayor Ford was inducted into the mayor's office, a mule being the first thing that tackled his administration, and his muleship was knocked out in the first round.

The flowers only bloom in the spring, but J. T. Swain & Son sell first-class groceries all the year 'round at rock bottom prices.

The Sharpest Man.

Two Keytesville young ladies were walking along the street a few days ago when one of them asked the other: "Who is the sharpest man in town?"

"Give't up," replied the second young lady as she changed her chewing gum from one side of her mouth to the other.

"Why, Mr. Sharp, of course," responded the first young lady.

And as the second young lady gasped for breath, she swallowed her chewing gum.

Mr. Sharp, by way of explanation we will say, is the fat and genial gauger who looks to Uncle Sam's interests at Hansman & Rick's distillery, at this place.

A HORRIBLE TRAGEDY.

Wm. Morris Shoots His Wife and Then Attempts Suicide.

A horrible tragedy occurred, six miles south of Keytesville, last Monday afternoon, the facts as gathered by a COURIER representative being as follows:

Wm. Morris, who was sent from this county to the penitentiary for ten years in October, 1882, for being the accomplice of Asa Hooten in killing George Wright, at Shannondale, in the summer of 1881, and who after serving his time in the state prison, from which he was released under the three-fourths rule, returned to this county.

On the 23d of last February Morris, after a short but vigorous courtship, was married, at Shannondale, by Squire Henry Hayes to Mrs. George A. Thompson, the divorced wife of William E. Thompson, a well-to-do citizen of Roanoke.

Morris and his wife set up to house-keeping in the neighborhood of Shannondale, but Mrs. Morris again found marriage a failure on account of Morris' abuse, and returned to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Padgett, who moved from Randolph to this county some time last winter to a farm belonging to Joseph Hayward, and where last Monday's tragedy occurred.

After leaving Morris, Mrs. Morris saw nothing more of him until last Monday about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when he very unexpectedly stepped into the dining room, where Mrs. Morris, her 6-year-old son by Thompson, her mother and another lady, Mrs. Solomon, were sitting. Morris did not speak to any of the party, and Mrs. Padgett and Mrs. Solomon left the room, and after they had gone Morris turned to his wife and, with an oath, asked her if she was not going to live with him, at the same time commanding her to come to him. She became badly frightened and approached the chair where Morris was seated, but did so with much reluctance knowing so well Morris' brutal instincts. When she got near enough to Morris he reached and seized her by the hand and pulled her down on his lap. He again ripped out an oath and inquired if she was going to live with him, and she promised that she would if he would wait until morning. He insisted that she go with him then and there, but she entreated him to wait until morning.

By this time Morris had taken a revolver from his pocket, and told his wife if she would not go now that he would kill her, calling her a g—d—b—, and he immediately placed the weapon against her right side and fired, the ball entering the body an inch and a half or two inches below the right breast, ranging downward and backward. The fiendish husband then raised the revolver, and aimed it at Mrs. Morris' head, and just as she threw up her right hand the second shot was fired, the ball fracturing and passing through the third finger of the right hand between the first and second joints, and then entering the right cheek bone ranging downward and lodging on the inside of the upper jaw.

Mrs. Morris' little boy, who had been in the room all this time, ran screaming from the house, and Morris threw his wife from his lap, gave her a kick and started in pursuit of the boy.

As Morris got out into the yard he saw Mrs. Padgett coming toward the house, and he shot at her. She turned to run, and as she did so she fell, and Morris supposing that he had killed her did not shoot at the old lady again.

Just at this critical moment, old man Padgett, who had been plowing in a field nearby, appeared upon the bloody scene, and Morris turned to run into the house and as he did so turned and shot at the old man, but without effect.

Morris then ran into the house and into the room where he had shot his wife, and bracing himself against a door facing placed his pistol to his forehead and fired, the ball entering the skull just at the roots of the hair above and between the eyes.

Old man Padgett entered the house following Morris closely and grabbed up a shot-gun and would have blown the villain's brains out but for the entreaties of Mrs. Morris, who, still lying on the floor, told her father that Morris was dying and for God's sake not to shoot him.

The alarm of the blood-curdling tragedy was given and a number of neighbors soon gathered in to render what assistance they could. Morris, in the interval, had sufficient recovered to get up and sit in a chair, and was disarmed of his pistol, a 32-calibre six-shooter, from which five shots had been fired, and a razor. A \$5 bill was also found on Morris' person, which he requested returned to Berry Moore, a Shannondale merchant, who lent Morris the money that morning.

Wm. Young came to Keytesville and swore out a warrant before Squire Ewing for Morris' arrest, and the warrant was placed in the hands of Sheriff Dempsey who made the arrest and lodged Morris in jail about 9 o'clock Monday night. Since Morris has been in custody his diet has consisted of coffee and soft-boiled eggs, while his nerves have been braced by an occasional smoke from his pipe. His right arm is paralyzed, showing the left side of the brain is affected. Dr. Dewey, the attending physician, thinks the chances are against his recovery, but is getting better and may recover.

Mrs. Morris is still living, and her physicians, Drs. Welch, of Salisbury, and McEwen, of Shannondale, are doing all in their power to save her, and are hopeful that she may recover.

Morris is about 38 and Mrs. Morris is 26 years of age.

Prof. Goetze, of Moberly, is billed for a grand concert, at Brunswick, on Tuesday evening, May 30th.

MOXLEY CASE AFFIRMED.

Marion Moxley, the Wife Murderer, Must Serve the State Fourteen Years.

The Moxley case is familiar to nearly every citizen in Chariton county, having been in the courts for more than seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Moxley resided near Pee Dee, this county. Their domestic relations were not of the most pleasant nature, and on the night of October 12th, 1885, Mrs. Moxley died very unexpectedly. Her remains were deposited in an adjacent cemetery. Some of the neighboring women who had prepared Mrs. Moxley's body for burial noticed, as they expressed it, that "her neck was limber," and from this suspicion of foul play continued to grow until finally the body of the dead woman was exhumed by Dr. F. B. Philpott, coroner, who held a post mortem examination, and found that the woman's neck had been broken.

A warrant was then sworn out for Moxley, who, in the mean time, had gone to the Indian Territory, and was stopping at his father-in-law's, John W. Richardson's. The papers authorizing Moxley's arrest were placed in the hands of Sheriff Moore, who quietly left for Indian Territory and returned in a few days with his man, and lodged him in jail.

The next grand jury returned an indictment against Moxley for murder in the first degree, but the case did not go to trial until April, 1887, when the defendant was convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to thirty-three years in the penitentiary. This verdict was subsequently set aside by Judge Burgess on the grounds of a defective indictment.

The next trial took place in October, 1888, and again resulted in a verdict of guilty, and the sentencing of Moxley to twenty years in the penitentiary.

An appeal was taken by defendant's attorneys to the supreme court, Moxley going on to the state prison pending the decision of the higher court, which thirteen months afterward reversed the decision of the lower court and remanded the case back to this county for trial. Moxley then returned from the penitentiary and gave bond for his appearance at the next term of circuit court.

The case next went to trial in April, 1891, and resulted in the sentencing of Moxley to the penitentiary for fourteen years.

An appeal was again taken to the supreme court, Moxley giving bail pending the result, and on last Monday the decision of the lower court was affirmed, and Sheriff Dempsey was telegraphed by Attorney-General Walker to arrest Moxley and hold him for further orders. The arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff Dempsey at a late hour Monday night, and on Wednesday morning Supreme Court Marshal S. C. Noland arrived from Jefferson City and returned with Moxley on the 11:25 east-bound train the same morning.

During some time last year Moxley was married to a Mrs. Cook, notwithstanding the serious charges against him, and of which he had been convicted three times in the lower court. Moxley is now 40 years of age.

In the affirming decision of the supreme court, handed down Monday by Judges Sherwood and Gantt, Judge Sherwood is quoted as saying that he would not disturb the action of the jury, but at the same time intimated that had he been on the jury he would have probably been for acquittal.

This seems to be rather a queer juggling of the merits of the Moxley case to us, as we had always supposed that the higher courts were for the purpose of correcting the mistakes of juries in courts below and righting the wrongful or unjust decisions of lower court judges.

Judge Minter's court was in session on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week to try two cases against T. B. Griffen, administrator of the estate of D. A. Myers, deceased. A jury was empaneled in each case, and a verdict was returned for plaintiffs in both cases. John Heiman brought suit against the Myers estate for \$760, for services rendered in taking care of old man Myers during the last 150 days of his life at \$5 a day, and \$10 for taking care of the corpse after the old man's death. Heiman was given a verdict for \$400. The other suit was that of Cassius Johnson, col., who asked pay from the estate to the amount of \$171 for nursing or attending Mr. Myers for 150 days, but the jury thought \$25 would pay Johnson for his services and rendered a verdict accordingly. We understand that the Heiman case will be appealed, but that the Johnson claim will be paid by Mr. Griffen, the administrator.

A BIG COLT.

Newton Long, of near Mendon, had a colt foaled on his premises on Thursday of last week that measured 13 1-2 hands high. The colt is a female and is of the Norman Clydesdale breed. She is so large that Mr. Long talks of making her do service as a plow "hoes" this season, but we would suggest that he send her to the world's fair.

David Farris, the man who, some weeks ago, was captured here by Sheriff Dempsey, and who was identified as the man charged with having murdered Thos. Reynolds in a drunken brawl, at Creston, Iowa, a short time before, waived preliminary examination, at that place, last Friday and was returned to jail to await the action of the grand jury, which meets in September.

Messrs. Dr. J. A. Egan, T. J. Martin, A. F. Tooley, J. J. Moore, L. D. Applegate, Dr. G. M. Dewey, D. B. Kellogg and two or three other small boys, of this place, went down to the "cut off" yesterday to spend a day or two indulging in the exhilarating pleasures of a camp hunt and fish.

An Accidental Shooting.

On Wednesday morning Howard Owen, a son of Mr. A. F. Owen, of this place, started away over to Dalton, and concluded to take a target rifle with him to furnish such sport as presented itself on the way, shooting at birds, frogs, etc.

Jack Prather, a negro citizen of this place, respected by both whites and blacks, rode down to Scrogginsville, in the south part of town, on the freight car as did also young Mr. Owen, but the latter was on his way to the depot. Jack got off at Scrogginsville, and some fifty or seventy-five yards beyond where Prather alighted from the car, young Owen, who was still on the car, raised his target gun in one hand and pointed it at Jack remarking as he did so, "Look out, Jack!" The weapon was discharged, and the 22-calibre force ball from the gun found lodgement in Prather's right side, entering between the sixth and seventh ribs, penetrating the lower lobe of the right lung. Prather staggered and fell and was carried into a neighboring house, and a physician sent for. An hour or so afterward the wounded negro was taken to his home in the north part of town.

The attending physicians, Drs. Perkins and Aldridge, say that while Jack's wound is dangerous, they do not regard it as necessarily fatal. Prather was resting easier yesterday morning and his fever, which was up to 104 Wednesday afternoon, had subsided.

Thus another tragic chapter is recorded in the careless handling of firearms, but a great many people refuse to profit by such sad accidents, and will continue to increase the business of undertakers.

Young Owens, however, assures us that he has learned a lesson he will not soon forget, and although he did not know the gun was cocked when he pointed it at Prather, the result is just as disastrous so far as the unfortunate negro is concerned.

Howard says that he now realizes, with the circus clown, whose mother had licked him with the ramrod, that a gun is dangerous without lock, stock or barrel.

LIVE STOCK NOTES.

Wheeler Bros., of three miles northwest of town, have contracted 21 head of fat steers to Wack & James, of Salisbury, to be delivered next Monday, at \$4.75 a hundred. The Wheeler boys have also contracted their hogs, to be delivered next Monday week, to D. J. Holman at \$6.30 a hundred, as has also their neighbor, J. G. Martin, contracted his porkers to Mr. Holman at the same price to be delivered at the same time. Mr. Martin, we understand, was offered \$4.75 for his cattle for July delivery by Storke Bros., of Saline county, but refused to take that price.

Messrs. Storke Bros., of Saline county, shipped 7 car loads of cattle, which were fed the past season on Shively Bros.' farm, in Missouri township, from Dalton to Chicago Monday.

Chris Noll, a prominent Missouri township farmer, shipped a car load each of hogs and cattle from Dalton to St. Louis last Monday. Mr. Noll went to the city with them.

T. H. Casmaden, an enterprising farmer of near Dalton, has contracted 40 head of cattle at 5 cts and one car load of hogs at 7 cts to be delivered in the next two weeks to J. D. Eubank, of Saline county.

The Mendon Citizen says: Tuesday some of J. J. Kendrick's friends circulated a petition asking Governor Stone to appoint him to the vacancy of the county court bench, made vacant by the resignation of Judge James A. Redding, and the petition was signed by a large number of our citizens before Mr. Kendrick was aware of what was being done. He demurred from the first and when he found the field was full of good men he "unconditionally" withdrew, as he did not want the position in the first place, and only suffered the use of his name when he thought perhaps there were no others in the field, and desires us to return his sincere thanks to the friends who have circulated and signed his petition for their effort in his behalf.

The Citizen makes the startling announcement that one of Mendon's society swains went all the way to Brookfield one day last week "to change his socks." He perhaps had too much respect for his Mendon friends to make the change there, and it is said that the young man narrowly escaped being arrested even at Brookfield, but proved too "strong" in his feet for the Brookfield police force to tackle, and finally succeeded in changing his footwear on the roof of the hotel.

Lewis Daniels, of Triplett, got into a row with a party of negroes at Kinkhorst's saloon, in Brunswick, last Saturday night and was badly used up with a club wielded by one or more negro bucks. No arrests, Daniels, however, it is said was able to keep his engagement with his best girl the next day, and feels grateful, no doubt, that he feared no worse at the hands of his ebony assailants.

Miss Gay Hancock received word Tuesday that she was again employed as one of the teachers in the Slater public schools for next term, which will make the third year Miss Gay has taught in that school—an evidence that Slater people know how to appreciate an efficient school marm.

We regret to hear of the illness of Mrs. E. B. Kellogg, of Sumner, who is sick of a fever. Up to Wednesday noon she was no better.

To be Tried in June.

Messrs. Crawley & Son, of this place, received a letter from the clerk of the supreme court Monday, stating that the cases of the Herman brothers and Wm. B. Lee, two Chariton county murder cases, had been advanced on the docket and would come up for trial at the June term. The Herman boys, it will be remembered, are charged with killing a young man by the name of Brown, a son of J. H. Brown, of Bowling Green prairie, for which they were sentenced to the penitentiary for two years in the Linn county circuit court, where the case was taken on a change of venue. Lee was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years from the Chariton circuit court for shooting and killing his cousin, a young married man by the name of Maddox. Upon conviction the Herman brothers and Lee all took an appeal to the supreme court.

Judge W. J. Parks, of near Shannondale, had a narrow escape from being seriously hurt while in Salisbury Wednesday. He was at the Salisbury Mill and Elevator company's flouring mill and in turning his team around he broke the tongue to his spring wagon, but thought it would hold together until he could drive to the blacksmith shop for repairs. On his way, however, in passing over a street crossing the tongue to the wagon was broken entirely in two, which let the wagon onto the horses and they started to run. The judge jumped out, but held to the lines and was jerked down and dragged several yards, but finally succeeded in stopping the horses. No damage was done except breaking the wagon tongue and bruising Judge Parks considerably on his body, and peeling some "bark" from his left hand.

Free Lecture.

The farmers are respectfully invited to attend my FREE LECTURE, which I will deliver in Keytesville next Saturday afternoon, May 20th. My subject will be a lecture on stock, to learn the farmers how to handle them, and how to cure hog cholera, lumpyjaw cattle, distels in horses and various other diseases. Come out and hear me. H. HOMME.

The COURIER extends congratulations to our good friend, Mr. James T. Plunkett, a well and favorably-known Brunswick druggist, over the recent arrival of a fine daughter at his house. The little Miss has been christened Mary Elizabeth. May she live to make a good and useful woman, an ornament to society and the pride of her parents is our wish.

C. P. Vandiver has sold his residence property to O. B. Anderson, which Mr. Anderson will probably convert into a business house. We are now "barefooted" on a home, but will move to our father's residence property, in the north part of town, where we will have plenty of ground to cultivate and which will assist us in keeping out of the poor house.

Prof. G. W. Newton, a former principal of the Keytesville public schools, spent a few hours with old friends in this place Sunday. The professor is an applicant for the principalship of the Moberly public schools, but has only so far succeeded in obtaining a "hung board."

Rev. L. F. Linn, who was pastor of the Methodist church, at this place, last year and the year before, but who was sent to Plattburg last year, has lost his voice and has been compelled to abandon his ministerial labors, which we are indeed sorry to hear.

Lawyers C. Hammond and F. C. Sasse and Messrs. J. M. Padgett, Clay Brashear and others, of Brunswick, attended probate court the first of this week. The two last named gentlemen paid their respects to the COURIER while at the capital.

C. R. Minich, one of the COURIER's Summer friends, was disabled several days last week by a horse, which he was assisting some one to mount, jumping on one of his feet in the vicinity of Mr. Minich's "best" animal corn.

Prof. Goetze, the celebrated Moberly musician, will give a grand concert in Keytesville some time next month, which will be a rare treat to our music-loving citizens.

Mr. John M. Fennell and Miss Laura Bosworth were married at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. R. J. Mansfield, in Salisbury, on Wednesday, May 17th.

C. A. McPheters, a young theological student at Westminster college, Fulton, filled the pulpit of the Presbyterian church, at this place, last Sunday, morning and evening.

Mrs. A. C. Vandiver returned to Columbia last Saturday after a visit to her children, Mrs. J. M. Collins, of Mendon, and C. P. Vandiver, of Keytesville.

Mendon will now keep less noise, as four of her town ducks were run over by a Santa Fe train and got their quackers cut off one day last week.

Miss Gertrude Griffith, of near Sumner, was granted a third grade certificate by County School Commissioner Coleman Wednesday.

Miss Maud Mann went to Moberly last Friday and remained until Monday afternoon visiting friends in the Magic city.

Capt. Webster Nance, the Hubbard, Randolph county, philosopher, was in Keytesville Tuesday on business.